

Brave Wycombe

WYCOMBE are out, but what a fright they gave Posh before sheer professionalism floored them.

Posh manager Noel Cantwell admitted: "We had to win this game twice" after seeing the first goal cancelled by a peach of an equaliser.

By Frankie Taylor
WYCOMBE 1, PETERBOROUGH 3

Reardon hit it hard past the wall for skipper Pritchard to score with a diving header.

Reardon made many delicate chips, and Evans, Holifield and Grant were constant menaces to the Posh defence.

Cozens scored Posh's first goal, and got the second goal after a four-man move. Hall scored the third while the amateur defenders stood hoping for an off-side verdict.

WYCOMBE W.: Maskell 7 — Williams 6, Bullock 6, Wood 6, Grant 7—Pritchard 7; *REARDON 8—Horseman 6, Evans 7, Holifield 7, Perrin 6.

PETERBOROUGH: Drewry 6 — Bradley 7, Jones 6, Turner 6, Carmichael 6 — Murray 7, Walker 6, Hill 7—*COZENS 8, Hall 7, Robson 7.

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WYCOMBE BOW OUT

by JAMES FRENCH

Wycombe 1 Peterboro 3

WYCOMBE, shorn of amateur internationals David Gamblin and striker Keith Searle, lacked the drive and devilry to knock Peterborough out of their stride.

The brave Isthmian League conquerors of Newport in the first round never posed a strong enough goalmouth threat. Their high point came in the 46th minute, when they fought level with an excellent goal by Larry Pritchard.

Brian Lee, Wycombe's team chief, praised polished Posh. "The significant difference was their speed," he said.

Wycombe could neither attempt to match nor effectively check Posh's speedy double spearhead, tall, strong Jim Hall, and marksman John Cozens.

Tom Robson slipped the ball for Cozens to stab in (34mins.). It was from a well-rehearsed routine that Pritchard headed in Terry Reardon's free-kick, with a stroll-in shot (62min.) and 10 minutes later Keith Bradley picked up a clearance for Hall to score.

WYCOMBE.—Maskell; Williams, Grant, Wood, Bullock, Reardon, Horseman, Pritchard, Evans, Holifield, Perrin. Sub: Brothers.

PETERBOROUGH.—Drewry; Bradley, Carmichael, Walker, Turner, Jones, Murray, Cozens, Hall, Hill, Robson. Sub: Orkes.

Capt. Cozens' cup crackers

SKIPPER John Cozens was the hero of our convincing 3-1 win at Wycombe in the second round of the F.A. Cup.

Big John cracked in two goals to nail the amateurs' hopes of glory and then fellow striker Jim Hall wrapped it up with a third later on.

Cozens was on the mark after 35 minutes following an uncomfortable half-hour when the home side exploited the difficulties of their sloping pitch. Although our defence was under some pressure, goalkeeper Mick Drewry was hardly tested.

Nevertheless, Wycombe, who displayed admirable stubbornness, rallied strongly just before half-time to snatch a shock equaliser through Larry Pritchard.

This psychological boost reflected itself in the opening ten minutes of the second half when Wanderers returned to the attack, but Cozens put paid to their bid with a smart goal in 62 minutes from Bert Murray's pass.

Ten minutes later, Hall clinched matters by dribbling round the 'keeper to make it 3-1.